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haunts and habits of the buffalo. Such pleasant reading as this, illustrated as the text is by uniformly attractive wood-cuts, most of them of much artistic excellence, is just what is wanted for young people. Particularly adapted to this end are the chapters entitled, "In a snailery," "Wild mice," "Our winter birds," and "First comers." "An ornithological lecture" will, we think, hold closely the attention of young readers and is written in the author's happiest vein. The effect of the book will be not only to interest the reader in the story so pleasantly told, but when next summer he meets with snails, frightens the wild mouse from its nest, or hears the notes of the thrush or song-sparrow, or sees the yellow birds gather about the thistle, he will not only recall the ornithological lecture he or she has read, but desire to learn for himself or herself more about the beautiful, attractive forms enlivening the woodlands and meadows, or peopling the shrubbery or orchards near the house.

GENNADIOS ON PHYLLOXERA.<sup>1</sup>—This is a small volume of seventy-eight pages in 12mo, divided in eleven chapters, of which the first nine review the origin and natural history of the insect and the remedies employed in other countries for the prevention of its ravages. The tenth chapter points out the great danger to Greece from importation of infected vines and the insufficiency of the existing laws on the subject. There is nothing new in the book, it being compiled from the writings of Planchon, Lichtenstein and Riley; the latter's figures, which have already done good service abroad, being rather poorly reproduced. It is the first work on the subject in modern Greek that has come to our notice.

WOOD'S INSECTS ABROAD.<sup>2</sup>—The title of this book is somewhat misleading in a work published here, as many of the insects figured and described are common American species. This is explained by the fact that the book first made its appearance in 1874, in London, and treats of insects which are exotic from that standpoint. It is, however, an interesting book, and the author, through having access to the collections of the British Museum, has been enabled to present figures of many of the rare and curious treasures there preserved. The work is so pleasing in appearance and so entertaining withal that we regret to feel obliged to mention the presence of many typographical errors and to put our readers on their guard against placing too much confidence in some of the statements contained in the text.

RECENT BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.—Orange Insects. By Wm. H. Ashmead. 8vo, pp. 78, pls. 4. Jacksonville, 1880. From the author.

Notice of recent additions to the marine invertebrata of the northeastern coast of

<sup>1</sup> *The Destructive Phylloxera*. By P. GENNADIOS. Athens, Greece, 1879.

<sup>2</sup> *Insects Abroad*. A companion volume to "Insects at Home." Being a popular account of foreign insects, their structure, habits and transformations. By the Rev. J. G. WOOD, M.A., F.R.S., etc. New York, George Routledge & Sons. 8vo, pp. xii, 780, with 520 figures.